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THEM!

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IS THE WAITING  
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## CITY LANDLORD REPLIES;

"To avoid a libel action the G.P.P. have agreed to apologise for the article headed "Glasgow Landlord Robs Tenants" which appeared in their October 1978 issue about myself Ronald T. Barnet trading as Barnet Flats and to allow me similar space to answer and to contradict some of the statements contained therein.

Firstly I take the strongest exception to the word "robs" used by

the G.P.P. No tenant of mine is robbed. He or she enters freely into a contract with me. The scarcity of accommodation is caused in the main by the Rent Acts themselves. If the Acts were fair then the supply would rise to meet the demand. When a landlord gets a Controlled Flat or Bedsit vacant he has to consider whether he can afford to operate

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within the severe limitations imposed by the Acts. As far as I am concerned keeping Rent Controlled Flats is commercial suicide so I am left with two alternatives either to operate outside the Act by providing breakfast or to sell. Few of the persons for whom I presently provide accommodation would be interested in buying and so if I sold the chances of these tenants finding suitable accommodation would obviously be reduced.

It is the grossly unfair Rent Acts which are the cause of the problem. According to the latest Nationwide Building Society Survey rented accommodation has dwindled in just over ten years from 4,380,000 to 3,010,000. If the Government wish to provide subsidised housing by all means let them do so but it is a different story if they expect myself and other landlords to provide it. The decline in available rented accommodation will continue until there is a "Fair Rent" in the true sense. During a period when house prices have risen by around 120 per cent Registered Rents have been permitted to rise by only about 60% while in the same period repair costs have risen by 140 per cent. Those figures are from the Sunday Observer dated 6.2.77.

I quote from a September 1978 issue of the Telegraph. "The iniquitous legislation of the Rent Acts gives every conceivable right to tenants and practically nothing to us" angry Landlords throughout Britain told me yesterday". "The Small Landlords Association is so incensed by the plight of many members that it hopes to go to the European Commission of Human Rights within the next six months to make formal application alleging that successive Rent Acts have caused such violations of Human Rights as "slavery and forced labour". "Recent survey by the British Property Federation shows that Britain's properties in private letting yield an average net return of 1.8293 per cent." So if the average Landlord makes only less than 2 per cent return then it is obvious that around 40 per cent are making losses. With the Rent Acts as they are it is small wonder that Landlords like myself to survive have to get outside them.

I now proceed to correct various statements in the G.P.P. report: Firstly they state Barnet Flats has 200 flats-the figure is under 90 in that company. Secondly the G.P.P. says that only six come for breakfast. The number is usually 20 to 25 per day. Thirdly: Two breakfasts the G.P.P. stated would cost £39.00 if delivered to the flat. The actual cost for a couple having breakfast would be £11.15 per day compared with British Rail's £5.00.

Fourthly: I am supposed to be raking off £40,000 per year but so far Barnet Flats has not made a profit. All the cash flow gets swallowed by repairs and improvements. Fifthly: Any Registered bedsit comparable to one of mine would not be assessed under £40.00 and certainly not £30.00 as stated by the G.P.P. Sixthly: I challenge the writer of the article to come and meet my cleaners whom he said "brush around the dirt now and then." In conclusion, I deny

that I am abusing the Rent Acts but have quite legitimately elected to stop being abused by them.

**R.T. Barnet.**

Rent Acts legislation was designed to protect tenants from being exploited by private landlords. Under the Rent Acts Registered rents are assessed by Rent Assessment Tribunals which have as their members solicitors and landlords,

thus ensuring that the interests of both tenant and landlord are protected.

Acting within the RENT ACTS landlords receive a Fair Rent for letting their property, but landlords who choose to evade this legislation can charge any rent they like. Having read both sides of the story, tenants & landlord, G.P.P. readers are able to judge for themselves Barnet's practices.

### Apology

The G.P.P. apologises to R.T. Barnet for any imputation as to his character. He does not act out with the law but his dealings are legal. The estimate of £40,000 profit was also incorrect.

## BOOK REVIEW

OUT OF THE GHETTO  
My Youth in the East-End (of London); Communism & Fascism 1913-39 by JOE JACOBS

The Battle of Cable St. in the vicinity of Stepney where Joe Jacobs grew up has become part of the mythology of the traditional Left.

Street confrontation between socialists & Mosley's fascists escalated to the point at which barricades were built as part of the 'Shall not pass' policy. However, over the years this has tended to be associated with the Communist Party. Nothing could be further from the truth. Joe Jacobs, at that time (1936) Secretary of Stepney C.P., shows in vivid detail how the 'Party' shrank from militant street organising in favour of a 'long march' through the Unions.

The book, written in the first person and disregarding Academic styles of writing 'History' also touches on such landmarks as the General Strike of 1926, the depression of the 1930s, & at the beginning, Joe's childhood and formative years in an immigrant area in London with a strong Jewish culture. The book can be obtained from Joe's daughter, J. Simon, 9 Troutbeck Albany St., London NW1 for £3 + postage.



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# AXE TO GRIND

## Screwed Up!

A Guy came up to me at work the other day, stuck his face 6" from mine and said softly "Are you a Christian?" I recoiled slightly, said "No" and he whipped out a sample of the goodies - a tract which would "save my life", a prayer written by Buzz Aldrin who apparently "found God on the moon" and brought him back to Earth.

I hate Christianity. I think its the worst thing that ever happened to Europe and probably every other place its evil claws have reached.

Its twin pillars are sexual guilt and emotional repression. It lauds conformity and hates spontaneity. It thrives on narrow-mindedness and fear. Its authoritarian, patriarchal and anti-life.

I've a friend whose sex education consisted of the priest visiting the school and telling them that if they got an erection in the presence of a female they should excuse themselves and go



Only the wildest orgy could make plain their spiritual sense of disgust...

and put their cock under a cold tap.

The Churches make people Guilt-ridden about their most natural instincts. They teach people to despise or simply ignore their bodies and their sexuality like its something dark and sinful.

And the crap follows: "You won't respect me if I let you", "Wait till we're married"; and the ludicrous macho strut of the rock stars, and guys boasting they've "had it" ten times often-er than they have.

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The cosy plans for so-called "Open Government" were effectively disrupted by members of Glasgow's seven Claimants Unions at the 'Planning Exchange', Bath St. on Oct. 27th.

The reason was the "Review" of the Supplementary Benefits System. C.U. members participated solely with the intention of putting forward the CLAIMANTS CHARTER, the only reasonable answer to the hardship and social division caused by the present Means Tested system.

Instead of the paltry 'increases' in Benefits, the

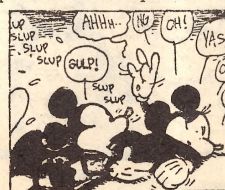
And the ignorance: "It's O.K. so long as you do it standing up", and the unloved babies who'll repeat the cycle.

And the "liberated" mothers who don't hit their children when they play with themselves, just "distract" their attention. Its the same thing. Kids aren't stupid, they pick up the vibe - its bad, that's a no-go area, don't touch.

Sex, the silent subject. So they grow up in confusion, fear, misery and guilt, usually covered over with bravado and small talk, booze and football.

And they go into their heads to compensate, become academic, intellectual, or in sheer frustration get violent to their women and children. Or they go dead,

go quiet, get nervous, make no demands, conform, behave. Or they go mad & end in 'the bin', or they go celibate & become priests & be superior.



## MEANS TEST DEMEANS



C.U. people put forward the GUARANTEED MINIMUM INCOME, Commission, who make a work or no work paid independent to each individual over 14 years of age. The polite liberals of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, who make a career out of other people's enforced poverty, were pinned back against the wall by claimants themselves who FIGHT TO LIVE. (see pages 5/6).

And there's a conspiracy of silence. The majority of people don't want to recognise that children have sexual feelings. A friend told me her son had an erection while suckling at two days. Most people want to deny that happens.

In the 1920s Wilhelm Reich set up a grass-roots sexual liberation movement. Its demands were:

1. Free contraception.
2. Free abortion on demand
3. Easy divorce.
4. Full, early sex education.
5. The establishment of sex-therapy clinics.
6. Re-education for prostitutes.
7. Abolition of all legal distinctions between the married & unmarried.
8. Treatment not punishment for sex crimes.

50 years later we're still a long way from these basic demands being met. At best groups like the Family Planning Association (FPA) advocate free contraception because adolescents have the right to a full sex-life.

A study in Britain in 1970 estimated that between 5 & 10% of marriages are unconsummated. The sexual misery lying just beneath the social veneer is like a volcano big enough to blow away all the shit of this society and the Churches along with it.



# Whose Anti-Nazi League?

The Anti Nazi League could be said to be one of the success stories of the decade. In less than 12 months it has flourished all over the country, it is quoted in the press and its opinions are sought by the media in a most flattering manner. In London the ANL organised a Carnival that drew 80,000 people on to the streets and in Manchester 30,000 people attended another enjoyable jamboree. Yet with all this success, its numerical strength and the arty names on the sponsoring list it is time we looked at the ANL quite closely.

Essentially the ANL is an authoritarian body. The Controlling Committee is self-appointed and co-option is made without reference to the membership. When the ANL held a conference in July it was widely hoped that it would democratise the organisation. Instead it concentrated on the expected general election. Any hope of a constitution to enable the rank and file to have a say in the running of the ANL was lost.

Now the intention is to oppose the Front in its frantic scramble for electoral success. The only alternative the ANL puts forward is eternal social democracy.

## Immigration and Racism

For the fascists the most useful plank in their platform is the racist one. "An end to immigration and a start to repatriation." This is in many people's opinion the crowd puller. But we have to look hard before we find any realisation of this in the Founding Statement of the ANL. Indeed the only thing it says on the matter is, "The British Nazis seek to make scapegoats of black people."

There is no mention of the economic policies that caused people to vent their spleen on black people, or the racist policies that set up black immigrants as "scapegoats". If we are to combat fascism on a positive level an understanding of these matters is essential. Why does not the ANL answer the questions?

## Politics and the Front

The ANL sees the NF "emerging as a growing force in British politics". They mention that "in London alone they (the NF) received over 100,000 votes. In some recent by-elections they have pushed the Liberal Party into fourth place." This is an obvious cause for concern, especially for those Labour Lefts and Trots who founded the ANL last year. The NF have usually beaten the non-Labour Left at the polls and in one case (Mansfield) gave the Labour Left a fright.

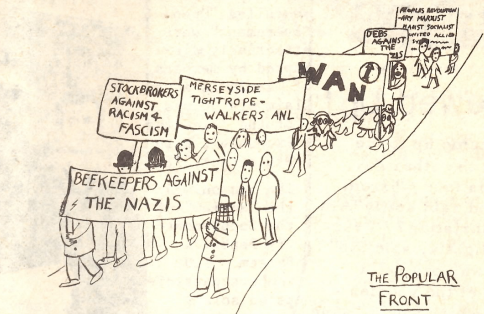
Still it is surprising that no mention is made in the Founding Statement of the ever-present threat of corporatism in the policies of the Labour Party. The gradual conversion of the Trade Union movement into an arm of the state has been going on since the turn of the century at least, now there is no pretence of independence.

This plus the Labour Party's record in using troops to beat strikes, at least four times in the life of the present Government, give cause for great concern.

All in all they point to a fascist record in using troops to beat strikes, at least four times in the life of the present Government, give cause for great concern.

## The Anti Nazi League's Role

The Anti Nazi League was founded in November 1977 at the



instigation, or initiative of the Socialist Workers Party. This initiative came at time of traumatic defeats for the Labour and non-Labour Lefts at the polls. There was great dissatisfaction amongst the voters and amongst the youth of the country, with the existing institutions of both right and left.

With its simplistic formulas concentrating on a very narrow aspect of political fascism, it ignores the contribution of the existing social-democratic order to the growth of the fascist right. It makes scapegoats of the lunatic fringe of fascism for the misdeeds of the present politicians. The ANL has sought to confuse and deceive working class youth and the electorate as a whole, when it calls for "the widest possible support". What it is really calling for is a popular front with the middle class.

## Combat and Answer

If we wish to combat the menace of fascism we must find out the cause of the fascist support. We must look clearly at the role of the main political and economic institutions, including Parliament and the Labour

Party, and explain the purpose these bodies have played in the present situation.

We must clearly show that only when people have the responsibility for their own lives and the decision that effect their own lives will they truly begin to fight capitalism, and we must not forget ourselves that fascism is only the militant arm of capital.

Thanks to Bread & Roses, an anarchist newspaper.

## Arrests at Carnival

A row broke out at a concert after the recent Anti-racist Carnival in Bradford, attended by one and a half thousand people. The police waded in and arrested eleven people.

Eye witnesses told LOP that the row broke out when a 'roadie' of one of the bands began telling sexist jokes about rape.

A group of women interrupted and spoke through the

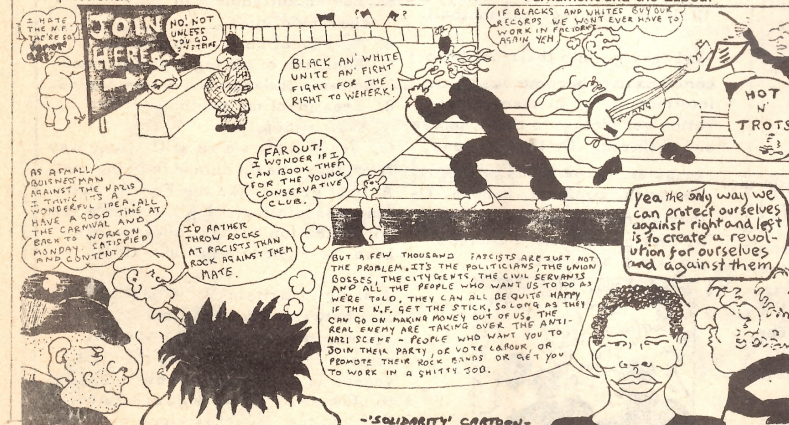
microphone to the audience, explaining that anti-racists should also be concerned with fighting sexism, and that jokes about rape were highly offensive.

The row had apparently ended before the police arrived. Then an organiser of the Anti-Nazi League (which organised the carnival) along with the Community Relations Council) took to the stage with the patronising remark: "No ladies, if you've quite finished."

The row broke out again, and the police moved in to make their arrests, apparently quite arbitrarily.

Immediately after the arrests a picket was placed on Bradford police station, and the eleven were released later that evening. We understand they have all been charged with 'threatening behaviour'.

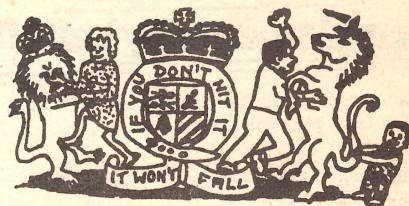
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\* October 1978.



-SOLIDARITY' CARTOON-



# Social Insecurity



## fight back with the Claimants Union

Living on social security or any other state benefit is bloody hard. You don't need a leaflet to tell you that - but you do need something to tell you what your rights are because the social security or the bru never tell you everything you're entitled to.

### SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

	Ordinary * Rate	Pensioners * & Long Term (over 2 years)
<b>SCALE RATES</b>		
Couple	£25.25	£31.55
Single Householder	£15.55	£19.90
<b>For any other Person**</b>		
Aged 18 or over	£12.45	£15.95
Aged 16 to 17	£9.55	
<b>For a Dependent Child</b>		
Under 5	£4.40	
5-10	£5.30	
11-12	£6.55	
13-15	£7.95	

\* There are higher rates for blind people and increased by 25p if a pensioner is 80 or over.

\*\* For someone living in someone else's household a standard rent addition of £1.45 per week is normally made.

Rates of benefits are far too low, but that's something we're stuck with for just now. But what we're not stuck with is the lies and humiliations which the social security dish out to everyone who claims benefit. And there's only one way to get the better of the social security system - that's for claimants to get together and help each other, because if you try it on your own you'll get nowhere.



Some people on social security or unemployment benefit have already got together to support each other and have formed themselves into Claimants Unions which is one way of sharing experiences and finding out what we're entitled to. But most important is that people in the Claimants Union actually get what they're entitled to from the social security. For example a couple in Maryhill Claimants Union got a clothing grant for £140. 40p because they knew exactly what they could claim for. Another fella in Partick C. U. got his giro stolen but got the total amount re-issued the same day - he wouldn't have got it unless he knew his rights and had another C. U. member with him for support. That's a basic rule of the Claimants Union - NEVER MEET THE SOCIAL SECURITY ALONE - otherwise they'll tell you a pack of lies about not being entitled to replacement giros or Exceptional Needs Payments or anything else.

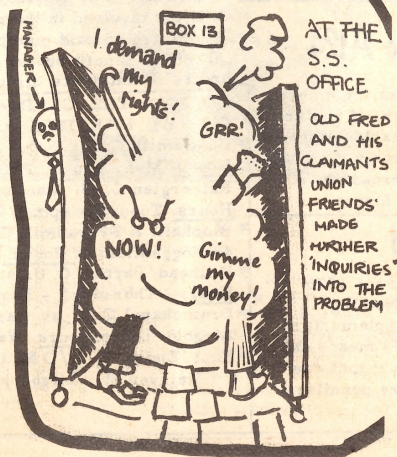


## Home Visits

Some of the most gruelling interviews by the social security occur in the claimants' own homes. ALWAYS HAVE A FRIEND OR CLAIMANTS UNION MEMBER WITH YOU. The more people who the S. S. officer meets the better for the claimant.

Also, always demand at least 1 day's notice of any visit.

Don't let them look through your personal belongings either.





## working out your supplementary benefit

A. SCALE RATES (ADULTS & ANY KIDS)  
See front page for amounts .....

B. RENT ADDITION

Rent and rates in full .....

Mortgage - Interest & Insurance .....  
Non - householders ..... £1.45p

C. WEEKLY ADDITIONS

Laundry Addition .....

Central heating addition .....

Heating allowance .... 85p, £1.70 or  
£2.55

Diet allowance (special foods for  
old or sick people) ... 95p or £2.25

ADD UP A, B, & C HERE .....

D. OTHER BENEFITS

Child Benefit .....

Unemployment Benefit .....

Earnings Related Supplement .....

Pensions etc. ....

E. WEEKLY DEDUCTIONS

Fuel / Rent Direct .....

Industrial Misconduct .....

Voluntary & Compulsory "Savings" .....

F. OTHER INCOME

Part Time Earnings (ignore first £2)

(Ignore first £6 for single parent families)

Spouse's part time earnings (ignore £4)

ADD UP D, E & F HERE .....

TAKE D, E & F AWAY FROM

A, B & C

TOTAL .....

## written explanations A124

The above total should represent the money you get from the S. S. each week. If you are getting less demand a written explanation (form A124) from the social security. It's surprising how often you get arrears by simply requesting one of these forms.

## urgent need

According to Section 4 Part 1 of the 1976 Supplementary Benefit Act, "Nothing ... shall prevent the payment of supplementary benefit in an urgent case". This means that you can be paid 'over the counter' that day without an appointment if you are penniless or have had your money stolen.

## WEEKLY ADDITIONS (ECAs) AND SPECIAL LUMP-SUM GRANTS

Lump sum grants, or exceptional needs payments (ENPs), may be paid for clothes, footwear, bedding, furniture, household equipment, removal expenses, redecoration, certain fares, starting work, fuel debts, rent arrears, HP debts, funeral expenses, home repairs, and other needs and emergencies. It is policy not to pay an ENP if a claimant can meet the expenses out of savings of over £300.

There is no legal limit on how much can be paid for ECAs and ENPs.

Any claimant who is not satisfied with an ECA/ENP award, or who has been refused an award, has a right of appeal (see below).

## APPEAL TRIBUNALS



APPEAL AGAINST ANY DECISION YOU

DISAGREE WITH. But never go to the appeal alone or unprepared. They're never alone so always take friends or C. U. members along with you - you are allowed two with you at the tribunal. Travelling expenses and wages are refunded for you and your representatives.

## Who Can Join The Claimants Union?

ANYONE CLAIMING STATE BENEFIT IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE CLAIMANTS UNION.

We stress the unity of all types of claimants - unemployed, single parents, pensioners, sick, strikers. We back up every member unconditionally with no regard to so called 'deservingness'. Ours is an offensive day to day battle for more money, and against intimidation, for young and old, male and female, black and white.

At first people come to claimants union meetings because they're not getting what they're entitled to and the S. S. treat them like dirt. And we give them all the help we can - practical help not just sympathy. But we also hope that the same people will get involved in the running of their local C. U. There are no paid members in the C. U. 's - we all claim benefit but we do gain a lot of support and self-confidence through fighting the S. S. together.

TO JOIN THE CLAIMANTS UNION COME TO ANY OF THE MEETINGS ADVERTISED BELOW.

- ▶ Castlemilk C. U. 15 Dougrie Terrace tel. 634-0819  
Hours Mon, Thurs, Frid. 10am-12noon & 2-4pm.
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Hours Tues. 2 - 4pm & Thurs 7-9pm.
- ▶ Blackhill & Provanmill C. U. Community Flat  
43 Hogganfield St Hours Mon 2-4pm tel. 770-8633
- ▶ Hillhead/Partick C. U. at Money-Go-Round 29 Bank St.  
Hours Thursday 2 - 3pm
- ▶ Drumchapel C. U. at Camus Place Centre  
Airdrie Drive, Hours Wed. at 7.30 pm
- ▶ East End C. U. C/O Betty McGrattan tel 551 - 0872  
25 Methven St. Lilybank, Tues. 7.30 newlands school



# BIRTH Without VIOLENCE

In the late 1950s about half the births took place at home. The figure is now down to 6% and the Government's stated aim is 100% hospital deliveries, regardless of the desire of an increasing number of women for home and Leboyer type births. Assembly line babies induced for 9 to 5 convenience is what the experts want and of course we've all had it drummed into us that 'doctor knows best'.

For the last 12 years a French obstetrician Frederick Leboyer has been challenging orthodox medical procedure with a revolutionary method of bringing babies into the world. He looks at labour from the baby's point of view.

How does it feel to have bright lights shine in your face as you emerge from 9 months in virtual darkness?

What's it like being dangled upside down and slapped after months curled up?

What's it feel like being born from a mother who's drugged?

Then clamps are put on the cord and its cut while the baby is still using it as an oxygen supply. One man remembers his cord being cut as "a body blow, a searing pain which took away my breath before I got my breath and produced a triple red light of emotional, physical & mental danger. Quite suddenly the only status quo I knew was, within

seconds - the time it took for scissors and clamp to sever that connection - abruptly ended. Being born was an experience I certainly wouldn't like to repeat".

Leboyer leaves the cord to pulsate until the baby is finished using it and has changed over to lung breathing AT HIS OWN PACE. This takes about 5 to 10 minutes after birth.

One midwife says she used to bend over the baby until the cord finished pulsating so that it would not be cut too soon and the baby could still feel a warm body near. Although the doctors sometimes objected she managed to do this with 20 out of every 23 babies. The 20 would stop crying and be at ease, the other 3 were, in her own words "inconsolable". Leboyer delivers babies in semi-darkness without the usual noise and chatter of the average delivery room. He places the child on the mother's stomach straight after birth and gets her to massage the child's back.

In most hospitals the baby gets whisked away from the mother, deposited on cold scales and then wrapped

up. Leboyer emphasises touch, skin contact between mother and child right away. He doesn't slap babies to force them to breathe. Finally he places the baby in a tub of water at a similar temperature to that of the womb so that the child experiences something familiar very soon after entering the world.

He also avoids the use of

less problems with feeding and sleeping, that they walked earlier, were more exploratory and had a substantially higher IQ than babies delivered normally.

To counteract the negative effects of our births a technique known as 'Rebirthing' has been developed. In this you relive in fantasy your birth by reconstructing as nearly as possible the physical sensations of being born, and releasing any locked in feelings related to the original birth. One man of 22 grew 2 inches after just one rebirthing session.

To most people the idea that we can remember our birth is ludicrous but that comes from our cultural attitude that babies don't have any feelings. If an adult cries we regard it as a sign that something is wrong and do what we can to comfort the person. But when a baby cries right after birth we regard it as a good healthy sign not as a signal of distress. We have become appallingly insensitive to the newborn and indeed to the whole

on pushing the mask onto her. So she'd to ward off the mask with her arm while trying to give birth until the doctor relented and told the nurse to stop.

The incidence of forceps births is rising dramatically, in some American hospitals as high as 65%, while in Holland, which has one of the lowest infant mortality rates in the world its only 4%.

The same friend heard the doctor tell another nurse who'd got the forceps out, to put them away as the baby was doing fine and just to give her time. But its speed and efficiency that's wanted not sensitivity.

Pregnancy is now largely regarded by the medical profession as an affliction and women treated not as mothers-to-be but as patients. Home births are regarded as dangerous yet Holland with over half its babies born at home has an infant mortality rate of 0.4% while Britain's is 1.5%.

I see the increasing trend toward hospital births and the phasing out of midwives as another example of us losing control of our lives and of our bodies. There are some positive signs of a fight-back through the recently formed RADICAL MIDWIVES ASSOCIATION: 17 Fairfax Rd., DERBY which is fighting for the CHOICE of home or hospital delivery for all women and the birth centre 187 Old St., LONDON EC1, which

campaigns for Leboyer births (Books: Birth Without Violence, F. Leboyer (Fontana) Naturebirth, Danae Brook (Penguin) ).

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drops of silver nitrate, an intensely caustic substance which no adult would like to put in their eyes, but which hospitals routinely administer whether its necessary or not.

A follow-up study of over 1000 'Leboyer babies' found that they had far

process of birth. Technology has all but taken it over.

A friend in labour in a Glasgow hospital had to put up with a nurse trying to stuff an oxygen mask over her face. She didn't feel any need for the mask but this wasn't good enough for the nurse who insisted

## BREAD & ROSES

is the paper of the ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASOC. which meets in the Victoria Bar, first Wednesday of every month Contact through Box GPP



# birth rights

I'm a member of the GPP collective, I'm 5 months pregnant and I'd like to reply to the piece on Birth Rights, especially as I'd intended to use this GPP as a means of reaching women who might be interested in forming a Birth Rights group in Glasgow. The article struck me as ill-informed and lacking in any perception of the true processes of child-birth, and how they affect women. Changes in ante-natal care are essential, so that women can understand the changes taking place in their bodies and can prepare themselves emotionally for the experience. Only then can birth be a positive event for the child.

Leboyer's book is written in highly emotive language, making it inaccessible to most women. His methods are unorthodox but not revolutionary. The peace at the moment of birth is rational, but there is no evidence to support his assertion that not cutting the umbilical cord for several minutes gives the baby two life support systems. The uterus contracts as soon as the baby is born, constricting the placental blood vessels so that no oxygen is transferred through the placenta after birth.

Leboyer's claim that his method produces more contented babies is difficult to disprove, but there is evidence that it has reduced the infant mortality rate in French hospitals. He started working out his theories in 1966 and now there are

many progressive maternity units in hospitals who are prepared to adopt part of the Leboyer method at the mother's request. It is now 'policy' that medical interference with the baby is kept to a minimum, and physical bonding takes place as soon as possible. Of course we cannot be too optimistic about the sensitivity of the medical profession and there are points that need taken care of.



Induction: you can safely refuse to be induced until a week past you're date, after that tests can be made on the urine to ensure that proper placental functions are being maintained. Home births: if you would rather have the baby in hospital as a safety measure you can insist on being discharged after 48 hours, providing everything's OK.

You can also make clear <sup>your</sup> wishes as to when the cord is cut, and can insist on having more time with the new baby than they'd intend giving you. Don't go into hospital too early, and don't go in alone - tell a friend exactly what you want done, so's you've got a voice when you least feel like arguing.

If women are in control of the situation the birth will be less

traumatic and the baby will benefit directly. What we must remove is the continual need to fight for these things. ... women are not machines who are brought to birth by doctors, they are people who should be allowed to participate fully and with joy.

## BOOKS.

The Experience of Childbirth. Sheila Kitzinger.

Our Bodies, Ourselves. Boston Women's Health Collective.

National Childbirth Trust 041-334-5952

If any woman is interested in forming a group to campaign for 'Birth Rights' I'd really like to hear from them! Write to the GPP address. D.S.

## NO NUKES!

While opposition from the Torness Alliance of local farmers & ecology activists is slowing 'preparatory work' on the site of the S. S. E. B. "advanced gas cooled atomic reactor", they are still trying to solve the problems posed by £20 million leak in the plumbing system of the "A. G. C. R." already partially operative at Hunterston in Ayrshire.

Friends of the Earth have been holding city centre stalls in Glasgow highlighting that the "installation of adequate insulation in all buildings" would lead to a cut of at least 25% in the National fuel bill & go some way to proving that expensive & hazardous Atomic plants were unnecessary & burdens for future generations (see Gpp no. 5).

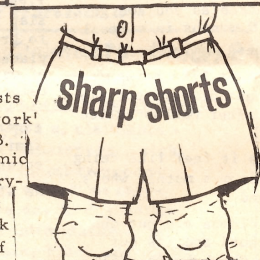
Alternatives such as "District Heating" (use of waste heat from power stations, industry & domestic refuse incinerators) as in Denmark etc. are possible.

## BODY TYPES

A century ago psychologists such as Lombroso were stating that physiological features such as shape & size of a person's skull determined propensity to commit "deviant" or "criminal" acts.

In 1978 an academic whizz kid, J. Hinton, a Senior Lecturer in Psychology, at Glasgow University has re-vamped the idea.

This time, the emphasis is on factors related to blood types. And of course there's no shortage of 'Research' funds for projects of this nature. After all, Authorities don't like to be reminded that crime/deviance are products of a particular society based on hierarchy & exploitation



## NEW CHANNELS

Recent District Council Minutes on the "Strathclyde Structure" Plan, reveal the "stepping up of police patrols in the peripheral estates" to safeguard modernised houses as the blurb puts it.

Also advocating "the council to press ahead vigorously with the introduction of tenant management co-operatives & co-ownership schemes. When these co-ops, etc., are established they should have the power to decide what balance to strike between rent levels & the corresponding amenities".

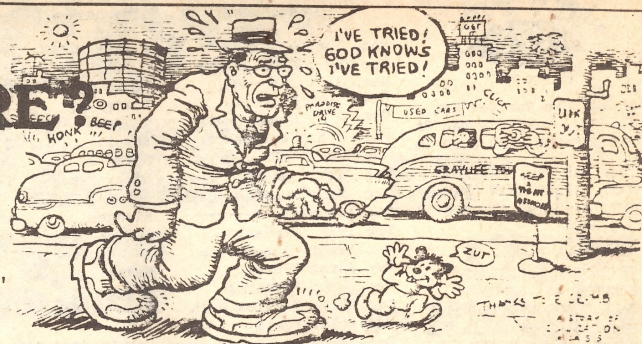


# GPP: NO FUTURE?

Yes folks, the hour approaches:  
Will this radical rag go the same  
way as The Word  
Skelf  
Glasgow News etc.

or will hordes of budding 'journalists'  
& street-sellers rally to the GPP?

Seriously though,  
being involved in the  
production (& distribu-  
tion) of an 'alternative'  
mag. is a creative and  
rewarding experience.  
While it means less time  
in front of the 'box' or  
propping up a bar it



doesn't take up that  
much time or commitment.

People come and go, and  
in a small project like  
the GPP that's ok as long  
as new faces emerge from  
the grey morass of Glasgow  
society. If you would like  
to give it a thought, and meet

the handful of people presently  
'involved' write to us at:-  
Box GPP(gr, fl. r. ) 146  
Holland St., GLASGOW G.  
or come along to our  
(last?) Reader's meetings:-

Wednesdays at 8pm  
December 6th/20th Jan. 17th  
Victoria Bar, Stockwell St.

## THE SOURCE INFORMATION SERVICE

ALTERNATIVE  
BOOKSHOP  
COLLECTIVE:  
Working towards  
opening shop. Tel.  
Paul at 334-8793.

ANARCA-feminist: write  
c/o Box GPP, 146 Holland St.

BRATACH DUBH;  
Anarchist pamph-  
lets on National  
Liberation Strugg-  
les; Unions; Workers  
Autonomy; Angry  
Brigade; Red Brig-  
ades. 30p+postage  
from 83 Langside  
Terrace, Port Glas-  
gow, Inverclyde.

CLAIMANTS UNIONS  
(see pages 5 & 6)  
Co-ordinating CU  
tel. 634-0819.

FRIENDS OF THE  
EARTH: 108 Beith St.,  
Partick, tel. 334-7030  
(Torness Alliance, Bik-  
es Campaign, Wildlife  
Campaign, Energy etc).

GINGERBREAD( one  
parent family support  
network): 38 Berkeley  
St., G3. tel. 248-6840.

GRYPS, for youth: 146  
Holland St(332- 5350).

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS  
OF THE WORLD:  
Contact D. Paterson, 3  
Birks Rd., Renfrew.  
Tel. 885-1639. Books  
& pamphlets.

NATIONAL ABORTION  
CAMPAIGN: G. Smythe  
424-4490.

NATIONAL UNION OF  
SCHOOL STUDENTS:  
David Lilburn 883-2493.

POLITICAL PARTIES:  
Conservative, Labour,  
SNP, Liberal, Communist  
Party, Socialist Workers  
Party, National Front etc  
c/o City Sewage Works or  
City Museums & Curios.

PREGNANCY ADVICE:  
73 North St or Family  
Planning Claremont Tce.

RAPE CRISIS GROUP:  
tel. 332-4811 Evenings  
6.30/10pm. Mail c/o SCCL.

SCOTTISH COUNCIL OF  
CIVIL LIBERTIES:  
146 Holland St. tel. 332-  
5960 for appointment.

SCOTTISH MINORITY  
GROUP & GAY CENTRE:  
534 Sauchiehall St., tel.  
332-2338.

SHELTER HOUSING AID  
CENTRE: 53 St. Vincent St.,  
tel. 221-8995.

SOLIDARITY for Social  
Revolution: Glasgow con-  
tact via Box GPP, 146  
Holland St. (Pamphlets  
& Papers available).

VD INFORMATION SERVICE:  
tel. 429-5976 (24 hours).

WOMENS CENTRE: 57  
Miller St., G.1., Fort-  
nightly meetings, all  
women welcome; tel.  
221-1187. New Women &  
Science Group etc.  
WOMENS AID: Tel. Lois  
Hobbs, 339-7451.  
WOMENS FINANCIAL &  
LEGAL GROUP: Eveline  
Hunter, tel. 945-0744.

WORKERS EDUCATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION: 212 Bath St.

UK IMMIGRANTS ADVIS-  
ORY SERVICE, 47 Cochr-  
ane St., 552-3773.

GPP: g.fl.r.  
146 Holland St.,  
Glasgow G.2.

## LETTERS

### Electric charge!

I was reading the  
article about Barnet  
Flats in your paper this  
week and thought I would  
tell you of my grievance.

I received an electric  
bill from him for X  
amount, but when I  
emptied the meter to  
pay this bill it had far  
less money in it.

On finding this out I  
contacted a woman ( Mr.  
Barnet was out ) and  
asked why the bill was  
so high. She told me that  
they charged for installing  
the meter and for reading  
it. I pointed out that the  
Electricity Board didn't  
charge for reading meters  
and she changed her  
story and said that they  
overcharged to make up  
for losses on meters that  
get broken into. I told  
her I thought that was  
ridiculous, by which time  
she was getting fed up  
with me and rather con-  
fused with all that she  
had been telling me.

Anyway did you know  
that Barnet overcharges  
his tenants for electricity  
charging 4.2 p per unit.  
Landlords are meant to  
charge 2.6p per unit  
only.

E. E. C.  
Hillhead.





Thurs. 30th Nov and Fri  
1st Dec. MARIKA'S MAD CA  
-FE THEATRE SHOW 8.00p.m.

Tues 5th Dec. PLATFORM  
JAZZ. KENNY SHAW QUAR-  
TET. 8.00p.m. £1 (memb-  
ers 80p)

Mon. 11th Dec.  
THIRD EYE CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT at CONCERT  
HALL, GLASGOW UNIVERSITY  
Madrigal Players in "LA  
PAZZIA SENILE" Tickets  
£1.50 & 80p.

Wed 13th & Thurs 14th  
8.00p.m. Andrew Ballmeyer  
& Co. "A BIG TREATISE IN  
STORE" plus "THE IMMORT-  
-ALIST" by Heathcote  
Williams.



John Surman

Fri 15th. Dec. PLATFORM  
JAZZ. STAN TRACY & JOHN  
SURMAN.

24th. Dec. to 9th. Jan  
-Centre closed.

Fri 19th. Jan. FOLK NIGHT  
-Saffron Summerfield.



GLASGOW  
FILM  
THEATRE

12 Rose St.; admission 80p  
Mon 4th Dec. for one  
day only. 7.00p.m.

ONE OF OUR AIRCRAFT IS  
MISSING(u) and THE SPY  
IN BLACK(u)

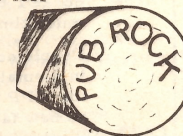
Tues 5th Dec. one day  
only. 8.00p.m.  
NUIT D'OR

Wed 6th Dec. one day  
only. 7.30p.m.  
TALES OFF HOFFMAN(u)  
and BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE

Thurs 7th Dec. for three  
days. 6.00 and 8.30p.m.  
BOBBY DEERFIELD(A)

AMPHORA DOUNE CASTLE BURNS HOWFF  
Sauchiehall St. Kilmarnock Rd. West Regent St.

Dec. 1st: Heritage	Carter Hall	Necromancer
Dec. 2nd: Straight Up	" "	" "
Dec. 3rd: -----	Motto	Cruiser
Dec. 4th: Electrix	Playgroup	" "
Dec. 5th: Cuban Heels	Enigmas	Dead Skunk Band
Dec. 6th: Necromancer	Havana	Electrix
Dec. 7th: THE	Solaris	Just Ask
Dec. 8th: Radar	Nicky Tams	Tin Roof
Dec. 9th: Overhead Calm	" "	" "
Dec. 10th: -----	Eldged	Abandon your Heads
Dec. 11th: Cruiser	Joe the Toff	Dead Skunk Band
Dec. 12th: Cuban Heels	Rue Pastuer	" " "
Dec. 13th: Teezer	Motto	" " "
Dec. 14th: Electrix	Bears	" " "
Dec. 15th: 8 Miles High	Nicky Tams	" " "
Dec. 16th: Bears	" "	" " "
Dec. 17th: -----	Joe the Toff	" " "
Dec. 18th: Rock Off	Motto	" " "
Dec. 19th: 8 Miles High	Bears	" " "
Dec. 20th: Bears	Zips	" " "
Dec. 21st: Cuban Heels	" "	" " "
Dec. 22nd: Abandon your Heads	" "	" " "
Dec. 23rd: Cirkus	" "	" " "
Dec. 24th/Dec. 25th: -----	" "	" " "
Dec. 26th: Rue Pastuer	" "	" " "
Dec. 27th: Cirkus	" "	" " "
Dec. 28th: 8 Miles High	" "	" " "
Dec. 29th: Abandon your Heads	" "	" " "
Dec. 30th: Joe the Toff.	" "	" " "



Hatton Rig Hotel, Bellshill  
Dec. 9th: SCRADINI.  
Dec. 14th: ELAINE SIMMONS.  
Dec. 21st: MR. ABI.

THANKS FOR GRAPHICS  
CIGNARD PRESS, REO THE

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Interested in FREE SCH  
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS?

The Glasgow Free Schoo  
Association exists to  
promote these things.

We believe that the  
straight system exists  
serve the interests of  
State and industry. I  
does not serve the  
children's needs.

The curriculum is irre  
ent and when the kids  
rebel against it they  
literally beaten into  
conformity.

Contact Box GPP 146 Holland



## Come for a drink with us

GPP invites you to join us at the Victoria Bar. Stock-  
well St. for a pint and a chat. Wednesdays 6th & 20th  
Dec. and 17th Jan. 8pm. Don't be shy, give it a try.

Mon 11th Dec for three

days. 7.00p.m.  
ONE SINGS THE OTHER DOE  
"SN'T (X)/LE BONHEUR (X)

Thurs 14th Dec for 3  
days. 6.00 and 8.30p.m.  
VALENTINO (X).

Mon 18th. Dec for six  
days. 6.00 & 8.30p.m.  
THE LAST WALTZ (A).

Tues 26th Dec for 5 days  
6.00p.m. and 8.30p.m.  
PARDON MON AFFAIRE, TOO (

Tues 2nd. Jan for 5 days  
2.30 & 7.30p.m.  
Casanova (X).

LATE NIGHT MOVIES at 11.00  
p.m.

Fri 8th Dec.

CASTLE KEEP (AA)

Sat 9th Dec.

THE BIG SLEEP (1946 Bog-  
art version) (A)

Fri 15th. Dec.

THE LEGEND OF LYLAH

CLARE. (X)

Sat 16th. Dec

DAY FOR NIGHT (AA)

## folk

STAR SOCIAL CLUB: Folk  
Night. Thursdays @ Carl-  
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spectacular. Informal folk  
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VICTORIA BAR: Informal  
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Saturdays

TANNAHILL WEAVERS: 15th Dec  
7.30 McLellan Galleries.



DICK WHITTINGTON  
"This year's grand family  
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Jan. 13th, tickets @  
90p to £1.75. Open

apart from Xmas day.  
Performances 2.30/5/7  
tel. 429-0022 to check.

IN CASE WE DON'T 'RE-APPEAR' THANKS TO ALL  
WHO HELD GAP COME OUT FOR 16 MONTHS!!

## APOLLO THEATRE GLASGOW

Box Office Open: Mon-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
DECEMBER

7th CHILD

9th. BOOMTOWN RATS

14th. ROY GALLACHER

16th ALEX HARVEY

23rd PEZILLOS.



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20 a word, 20p mini

FENS X Adventure playg  
need volunteers/wood/pai  
contact Margarita 332-60

SCIENCE FICTION CLUB meet  
every Thursday in  
Wintersgills, Gt. Western  
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Wednesdays, weekly at 8p.m.

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